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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S. I., Special Branch.
REPORT

Date October 3, 1939.

Subject Miss Violet May BARRETT - Missing Person Located.

Made by D. S. Pitts,

Forwarded by C. Gandy

At about 9.15 p.m. October 2, 1939, the D.C. (Divisions) telephoned D.S.Pitts and informed him that a British woman named Violet May BARRETT, aged 31, a stewardess from the P. & O. s.s. "Viceroy of India" had been missing since 9 a.m. October 1, from her ship lying in the Whangpoo River. The D.C. (Divisions) added that a report to this effect had already been made to Central Station by the ship's purser and that he understood that the missing woman was an acquaintance of a Shanghai resident named Mrs. Mc LEOD. The D.C. (Divisions) instructed that efforts be made to locate Miss BARRETT.

S.I. Firth, Central Station, was communicated with; he explained that he had already spoken to Mrs. Mc LEOD by telephone, that she resided at 401 Hamilton House but could offer no material assistance in helping to trace Miss BARRETT.

At 10 p.m. Mrs. McLEOD was interviewed by D.S. Pitts; she consented to accompany him to local hospitals, hotels, night clubs, bars, cabarets, etc. with a view to pointing out the stewardess if she saw her.

Four hospitals, seven hotels, and numerous bars, night clubs, restaurants and cabarets were then visited before Miss BARRETT was finally located at 11.50 p.m. in D.D.'s Restaurant, Avenue Joffre. She was under the influence of drink and in the company of a German named BORST, residing at the Park Hotel.



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The situation was quickly explained to Miss BARRETT who, after a little persuasion, was taken to the Customs Jetty, where at midnight, she boarded the launch MOYNA which took her to her ship at Buoys 11 and 12.

She was seen on the steamer after which D.S. Pitts returned to Central Station in order to cancel the teleprinter message previously sent out by Central Station to acquaint all stations of her disappearance.



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